



Cholla District Network News



Councilmember Manny Martinez, City of Glendale

April 29, 2011



8th Annual Glendale Historic Preservation Bus Tour - May 14.

Click here or call (623) 930-2810 for more information.

Nominate Neighbors, Volunteers and Businesses for Glendale Spark Awards.

The Glendale Commission on Neighborhoods encourages residents to nominate a neighbor, volunteer, business, nonprofit or faith-based organization that has made a commitment to the Glendale community by helping and improving Glendale neighborhoods.

If you know of someone like this, nominate the person or group for a 2011 Community Spark Award. The deadline to submit nominations is Wednesday, May 25, 2011. The Spark Award recipients will be honored by the Commission on Neighborhoods at the 2011 Community Leadership Forum and Spark Awards Ceremony on Saturday, June 25 at the Vineyard Church, located at 6250 W. Peoria Avenue. "Taking Pride in Your Community" is the theme for this year's event which is sponsored by the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors, an organization that is dedicated to enhancing the economic, social and cultural vitality of Glendale.

Nominees should fall into one the following six categories:



- Business Support & Community Involvement
- Community Partner
- HOA Leadership
- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Traditional Neighborhood Leadership
- Young Leaders on the Move

Nomination forms and more information can be found at www.glendaleaz.com. Submit your nomination(s) to the Neighborhood Partnership Office, 6829 N. 58th Drive, Suite 100, Glendale, AZ 85301, or via e-mail to leadership@glendaleaz.com. For other questions, call 623-930-2868.

Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) Weekend Restrictions. The Loop 101 will be narrowed to a single lane in multiple locations along the work zone between I-10 and I-17. Motorists are urged to seek alternate routes to avoid possible delays. Southbound Loop 101 at Camelback Road narrowed to one lane from 10 p.m. Friday, April 29 to 5 a.m. Monday, May 2 for soil stabilization. [View short video explaining the impact](#)

Westbound Loop 101 closed at 59th Avenue from 10 p.m. Friday, April 29 to 5 a.m. Monday, May 2 to install bridge lighting and touch-up painting of the new bridge. Traffic will exit at frontage road and re-enter Loop 101 at 67th Avenue.

[Read more](#) about these and other Loop 101 restrictions and detours.

Grand Avenue Update. Restrictions are planned for Grand Avenue between Loop 303 and Bell Road this weekend for rubberized asphalt paving. Grand Avenue is scheduled to be narrowed to one lane in both directions from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 30 and Sunday May 1. Heavy delays are possible and motorists are encouraged to use an alternate route.

- [See a complete list](#) of upcoming restrictions on Grand Avenue between 99th Avenue and the Loop 303 this week.
- [Learn more](#) about the Grand Avenue widening and improvement project.
- Email Valley Freeways at valleyfreeways@azdot.gov or call the Project Hotline at 855-712-8530 if you have questions or comments.

ADOT appreciates your patience and cooperation while this work is underway.

Temporary Closure of Parking Lot at Thunderbird Conservation Park – May 4-5. The parking lot located at 67th Avenue and Patrick Lane that serves Thunderbird Conservation Park will be temporarily closed Wednesday, May 4 and Thursday, May 5 for maintenance.

The lot will receive a protective coat, which will help maintain the hard surface for parking. These improvements take place twice a year. Other parking options for park users include the parking lots off of 59th Avenue or the lot at 55th Avenue & Pinnacle Peak Road. An electronic message board was placed in the Patrick Lane parking lot more than a week in advance to notify park users.

For more information on this project or other parks and recreation questions, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 623-930-2820 or online at www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

75th Avenue and Deer Valley Road Intersection Improvement Project – Open House. It's Official! The City of Peoria, in partnership with the City of Glendale, awarded a contract to Banicki Construction, Inc. to improve the 75th Avenue and Deer Valley Road intersection. Improvements include installing the sidewalk ramps, modifying the traffic signals at the northwest and southwest corners, revising the pavement markings and installing an asphalt micro seal. When complete, the roadway will have new dual right turn lanes for eastbound Deer Valley Road traffic turning south on 75th Avenue. Improvements will begin in July 2011 and the project is slated for completion in fall 2011.

Intersection Improvement Project Open House Planned

The cities of Peoria and Glendale will hold an open house between 5:30 and 7 p.m., at the Community Church of Joy, 21000 N. 75th Avenue, on Thursday, May 5, 2011. The Open House will be held in the Youth Center, located in the Bridge Building. Stop by any time during the open house to review plans for the construction effort and speak with project representatives.

For more information on this project, call the 24-hour construction hotline at (602) 264-6416.

Around Town

Summer Opportunities for Youth.

Parks and Recreation programs

Glendale's Parks & Recreation Department programs a wealth of activities to keep children off the couch in the summertime. Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center has its own drop-in recreation program, called Foothills 360, in which swimming, water sliding and enjoying the lazy river will be part of the fun once a week! Foothills 360 runs May 31-Aug. 5.

Other recreational activities include the challenging Kids Get Fit Adventure Program, Fitness 4 Teens, Adventures in History Camp at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historical Area, ice skating camp, art camp and the AZ Hoops Camp Coed Basketball Clinic.

Finally, what would summer be without water? Glendale's aquatics program offers swim lessons and recreational swimming at both the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center. If a teen is interested in becoming a lifeguard, they can enroll in the volunteer Junior Lifeguard program.

For more information or to register, call 623-930-2820 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

Library programs

Activities abound at the three locations of the Glendale Public Library. The main attraction is often the Summer Reading Program, which runs May 31-July 30. Open to all children up to age 18, with prizes for reading levels achieved, it inspires brains to stay sharp during summer months when school is the furthest thing from the mind! The Summer Reading Program is sponsored by The Arizona Republic and The Arizona Diamondbacks.

Teens can also get involved with fun classes such as jewelry making and other art projects, baby-sitting workshops, cooking classes, or they can join in a karaoke competition, celebrate with a favorite book and much more. Volunteer options are also available for teens at all three libraries.

Children will enjoy storytelling adventures, movie matinees, toddler water play days, arts and crafts projects, puppet theater, and even special visits with animals from the Wildlife World Zoo. Most library programs and events are free. For more information on dates, times and locations, visit www.glendaleaz.com/library or call 623-930-3530.

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